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SUBJ: TWO LABOR CONFEDERATIONS CALL FOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD WAGE HIKES

1. DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU (CTP) PUBLISHED COMMUNQUE JANUARY 30 REQUESTING GOP TO RAISE SALARIES ACROSS-THE-BOARD, HIKE THE MINIMUM WAGE AND FREEZE PRICES. CITING RECENT PRICE INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED FOODSTUFFS (SEE LIMA 0697), CTP BLAMED INCREASES ON IMPORTED INFLATION AND DOMESTIC PRODUCTION FAILURES DUE TO IMPROPER APPLICATION OF AGRARIAN REFORM.

2. NOT TO BE OUTDONE, MOSCOW-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU (CGTP) PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING DAY. PRO-GOVERNMENT CGTP NOT UNEZPECTEDLY BLAMED PRICE HIKES ON INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM AND PRIVATE DOMESTIC SPECULATORS. COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR GENERAL WAGE HIKES GEARED TO COST-OF LIVING INCREASES.

3. COMMENT: OFFICIAL PRICES OF MANY FOOD PRODUCTS INCLUDING MEATS, CEREALS, COOKING OIL AND POTATOES, INCREASED MARKEDLY
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DURING LAST 12 MONTHS, AND AVERAGE PERUVIAN FAMILY SPENDS

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NEARLY HALF OF ITS BUDGET ON FOOD, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES REAL INFLATION IS MORE THAN GOP FIGURE OF 13.76 PER CENT. CTP LEADER TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY ALREADY SENSE DISCONTENT ABOUT INFLATION AMONG THEIR AFFILIATES' RANK AND FILE, ALTHOUGH NO FURTHER CTP ACTION IS PLANNED FOR PRESENT.
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